Techno-Economic clearance of projects in H.P.

4828. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased of state:

(a) whether some projects viz. the Parbati Stage-III (501 MW) Budhil HEP (70 MW) and Renuka dam (40 MW) were sent to the Central Government for techno-economic clearance by State Government of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has since been taken on these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Parbati Stage-III Hydro-electric Project (501 MW) received in the Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance had been returned to the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) in July, 1995 due to non tie-up of financial aspects. Subsequently, an agreement has been singed on 20.11.1998 between NHPC and Government of Himachal Pradesh for development of Parbati Basin (2051 MW) by NHPC in a phased manner. Field investigations for Parbati Stage-III have just been started and it is expected that its DPR will be completed within 3 years.

The DPR for Budhil H.E. Project (2 x 35 MW) was returned to the HPSEB in February, 2000 due to non tie-up of various aspects.

The technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resoruces has considered and found the Renuka Dam H.E. Project (2 x 20 MW) acceptable from techno-economic angle subject to certain conditions.

Additional Funds for survey in H.P.

4829. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested for additional allocation of Rs. 40 crores for survey and investigation in Himachal Pradesh to harness un-exploited Hydro Electric Potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has since been taken on the request;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) Government of India is committed to fully develop the untapped hydro-electric potential in Himachal Pradesh. Based on the request received from Himachal Pradesh, Power Finance Corporation have sanctioned 3 loans amounting to Rs. 949.66 lakhs for survey and investigation in Satluj, Yamuna and Ravi Basins. Government of India has also recently sanctioned Rs. 77.62 crores for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and for pre-construction activities and development of infrastructure for Parbati-II HE project (800 MW) in Himachal Pradesh by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation. Efforts are being made to avail World Bank assistance for survey and investigation and preparation Bankable DPRs for hydroelectric projects in Himachal Pradesh on Satluj and Ravi Basins. The DPR for Rampur HEP (580 MW) is also being formulated by Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation with World Bank assistance.

Hydel and Thermal Power Projects in U.P.

4830. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Hydel and Thermal Power Projects to be set up in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Plan;

(b) the target dates fixed for their completion district-wise/location-wise/ project-wise; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) During the 9th plan period two thermal power projects and one hydro power project have been commissioned upto March, 2000 in U.P. The details are given as under:

THERMAL		
1.	Tanda U-4 Distt. Faizabad UPSEB	110 MW
2.	F.G. Unchahar St. II U-3&4 (NTPC) Distt. Rai Bareli	2 x 210 MW
HYDRO		
1.	Sobla U-1&2 Distt. Pithoragarh U.P. Jal Vidyut Nigam	2 x 3 MW